

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph of the brief description of Figures 8-12 after paragraph 2, page 5 of the specification:

Figure 8 shows an alternative embodiment of a stent according to the present invention.

Figure 9 shows a link member of the stent of Figure 8.

Figure 10 shows the stent of Figure 8 having an alternative embodiment of a link member.

Figure 11 shows the stent of Figure 8 with another alternative embodiment of a link member.

Figure 12 shows the stent of Figure 8 with still another alternative embodiment of a link member.